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BRIEFS

VOTERS WANTED FOR SCHOOL ELECTIONS

TRENTON--The New Jersey School Boards Association has launched its annual campaign to encourage Garden State voters to participate in the 1990 Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 24.

The election will take place in approximately 550 of the state's 606 local school districts. Voters will elect members of their local boards of education and will approve or reject proposed school district budgets for 1990-91.

Polling hours for the April 24 school election vary among communities. Voters should call their local school district office for polling times and locations.

UMDNJ PROFESSORS HONORED

Two veteran scholars on the faculty of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-New Jersey Medical School have been named the "Newark schools' first Distinguished Professors for their career-long academic achievement."

They are Carroll M. Leovy, M.D., of Short Hills, professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine, and Francis P. Chinnard, M.D., of Montclair, professor of research medicine and professor of physiology.

By honoring Dr. Leovy and Dr. Chinnard, said Ray V. Lourenco, M.D., medical school dean, "we are recognizing excellence in teaching, research and the development of medical education in New Jersey."

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Imagine a place where hands hug instead of hurt; where words teach and praise instead of hit as hard as a fist; where children are free from the horrors of physical, emotional and sexual abuse. This is our dream. This is the promise of prevention we at the New Jersey Chapter, National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse (NCJ-NCPCA) make to New Jersey's children.

Help us fulfill this promise. Join us in April 1990 as we celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. As part of a nation-wide effort to spread this message of Prevention, the New Jersey Chapter, NCJ-NCPCA will be distributing...

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April is Anti- Graffiti Month in Newark

Newark Mayor Sharpe James has announced that the month of April will be Anti-Graffiti Month in the City of Newark. Sponsored by the Improve Newark Program, the month will kick off on Saturday, April 7 in the City's central business district, where volunteers will begin removing graffiti from buildings and other locations.

On Saturday, April 21, the Improve Newark Program's (Continued on page 5)

Mother Kelly honored

Elks honor five women for volunteer work

by Connie Woodruff

For the second consecutive year, the N.J. State Daughters of Elks, I.B.P.O.E. of W held a luncheon in Cherry Hill to honor their founder, the late Mother Emma V. Kelley and to observe Women's History Month by presenting awards to five women recognized for volunteer work in New Jersey communities.

Mother Kelley founded the

Daughters of Elks in Norfolk, Virginia, June 1902. The N.J. State Assn. Auxiliary was founded in Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church, Princeton in the 1940s. They concern themselves with young people, developing leadership training, raising scholarship funds and participating in the March of Dimes Telethon.

In addition, assistance is extended to women in peril. Re-

cently, a towel shower, raised funds to donate hundreds of new towels to a local women's shelter. As sponsors of a Civil Liberties department, they make an annual pilgrimage to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change in Atlanta and donate funds to the Elks' Shoe Bank, Eyes for the Needy, including collecting eye glasses for the eye

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Newarkers take a pledge for planet

NEWARK--The City of Newark is giving residents an opportunity to voice their concern for the world's environment by filling out "Green Pledge" cards that are being enclosed in all city water bills.

According to Newark Mayor Sharpe James, 60,000 Green Pledge cards are included in water bills mailed over an eight-week period in conjunction with Earth Day 1990, a national celebration of the environment to be held on April 22.

By signing the "Green Pledge," individuals pledge to do their utmost to recycle, conserve energy, save water, use efficient transportation, and try to adopt a lifestyle as if every day were Earth Day. Individuals also pledge to buy and use only those products least harmful to the environment, and do business with

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Mayor Sharpe James stands in front of Earth Day banners that will be hung throughout downtown Newark in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 1990. The flags spell out "Earth" in twelve languages. Photo by William Ramos, City of Newark

Plainfield Schools' 'Final Five'

The Fourth Annual District Spelling Bee for the Plainfield Public Schools was a winner. Three hundred parents and students waited anxiously for the district's spelling champions to tackle words like "schizophrenia," "circumstantial" and "discernible."

Champions in the 1990 contest, spelled "hypochondria," "susceptible," and "succinct." Juana Sanchez, an eighth grade student at Maxson Middle School and this year's Grand Champion, said, "The study list was so hard. 'I am glad that I did not have to spell 'schizophrenia' because the be-ginning of the word is hard to remember.' Juana spends a lot of time reading mystery books and biographies. Her favorite heroine is Althea Gibson, the tennis star."

The grades 4-6 champion is Adam Joseph Milczarski, a student at Cedarbrook School. He said that his hardest word was "immaculate." "I kept getting confused about how many 'm's and 'c's' are in that word," said Adam. Adam is a serious reader. (Continued on page 8)



Latrice Green, 8th Grade at Maxson Middle School is the Grades 7-8 Champion. Edwin Reid, Grade 6 student at Jefferson School was the 1989 Grades 4-6 Champion and finished second in 1990. Photo by Keith Howard



Willie Leak, Grade 4 Woodland School was a semi-finalist for Grades 4-6. Juana Sanchez, Maxson Middle District, Grand Champion and Adam Robert Milczarski, Grade 6 at Cedarbrook School was the Grades 4-6 Champion for 1990. Photo by Keith Howard

State Baptists meet

Leaders from across the state have been asked to convene at the Semi Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention to be held in Atlantic City on April 18 and 19. The meeting will take place at the Second Baptist Church on L.S. Cole Boulevard.

"During this session, we call all the churches together to talk about progress to date and finalize plans for the Annual convention which will be held in early October," said Rev. Charles Marks, the New

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Dr. Edward V. Hill, Pastor Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, will be the keynote speaker at the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association's Eighth Annual Area Revival.

Sportlight by R.L. Greene

Basketball: A way out of the ghetto

NEW YORK--They had a dream. And make no mistake about it, the dream did come true.

It began in Philadelphia's poor black communities, the other side of the "railroad tracks." And the dream continues today in the nation's brightest arenas where young men, like gladiators in ancient Rome, display their skills before crowds in the battle for superiority.

In a time that now seems like long ago, the high school basketball clashes in Philadelphia formed friendships that would last for life. Unfortunately for one of the communities, life would not be any shorter.

In those days, life looked eternal for young athletes. And, life would not be any shorter. (Continued on page 10)

NHA announces progress in replacement of housing stock

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) is ahead of schedule in its plan to replace antiquated high-rise dwellings with low-rise townhouses, NHA Executive Director Daniel W. Blue, Jr.

announced recently. "Phase One has been completed, with the relocation of sixty-one families who had resided in Building 3. The closure of the (Continued on page 5)

Newark community cleanups

NEWARK, N.J.--In connection with Earth Day, the April 22 celebration of the environment, the City of Newark has announced that it will provide trash containers to residents volunteering to clean up part of the lo-

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Plainfield Festival of Art Announces new location

The organizing committee for the 27th Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art announced that the Festival will move to Library Park (West Eighth Street and Arlington Avenue) in the historic Van Wyck Brooks district for its July 14 event. (The rain date will be July 15).

Barbara Ballard, chairperson of the committee, said the new location is the result of interest shown by members of the Van Wyck Brooks Historic District. "The beautifully shaded Park, surrounded by the splendor of the historic homes should add a glamour and charm to the Festival." (Continued on page 8)

Commentary The School Day

by Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

The educational system in this country was designed to support the community and society in general. The length of the school day and school year was established for that purpose. The day was shorter so kids could help with chores around the house while there was still daylight. School ended at the beginning of summer so the kids could help in the fields during the summer harvest season.

There has always been a struggle between giving the children time to be educated and using them as part of the labor force.

Today the system of education is geared to children being in at 8:30 and out at 2:30. Most working parents are in at 8:00 and out at 5:00 p.m. Although more middle class women are working now, I cannot remember when this schedule served the needs of the poor or working mother. Today the practice is especially not functional. While teachers and educators howl "it is not my job to baby sit after school," they are off to go home or another job. There is absolutely no evidence to say that the school day should not be changed. It should be lengthened and have

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CITY PEOPLE



Bernice Davis of East Orange being sworn to the Status of Women Advisory Board by Judge Frances M. Cocchia.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Greetings from Istanbul

From Larry Neill

I'm having a great time here in Istanbul, Turkey. They are really packing the club here. They are great lovers of Jazz & Blues here. They may not understand English but they understand the Blues. They don't really care about Disco's. Wherever you go in the shops, you hear jazz.

I'm happy to say they love me. They want me to stay longer than April 15th. However, I can't stay because I must get back to see about the album I did before I left.

They want me to come back in June to help celebrate a local festival. The people are nice, the food is ok, and I'm trying to count the Lira here. I'm 7 hours ahead of you there in the states. I'll be home around April 15th.

I have to say the Peppermint is giving me a homecoming Party. Please take care of yourself as always I wish you the very best. If we could only have a club like this back home.



Amato, Harris award students for outstanding essays—Essex County Executive Nicholas R. Amato and County Administrator Jerome Harris recently honored 1009 students from Grades 4 to 6 for their exceptional essays on Black History. The students, who all took part in the Fifth Annual Essex County Black History Essay Contest, received U.S. Savings Bonds and Certificates of Excellence for their outstanding Essays. The top nine winners received Savings Bonds for \$200, \$100, and \$50 for their first, second and third place entries respectively. The students were chosen from a field of over 500 contestants representing 53 schools throughout the county. Pictured here with County Executive Amato and County Administrator Harris are East Orange Winners: Maria Noreales, Shalae Cureton, Sondra Massey, Kyla Thomas and Shawn Jackson.

(Photo by Glen Frieson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evangelist Shirley Caesar will appear at the New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Avenue in Newark on Saturday, April 21 at 7:30. Doors Open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 201-622-4547 for further information.

The Willie Wells Ensemble will sponsor a concert on Saturday, April 28. The concert is being held at the Second Macedonia Baptist Church, Elizabeth and will begin at 7 p.m.

The Fourth Annual musical will feature Bro. Donnie Morgan, of Beverly, NJ, along with All Friends of Jersey City.

All those interested in joining in this celebration should call 527-9077.



Councilwomen Beverly K. Williams and Chairperson of Status on Women Committee and Mayor Helen Perkins of Hollandale, Mississippi at Luncheon at Royal Inn in East Orange.

Photo by Emile Dillen

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 5

CRANFORD—The third annual Job Fair will be held in Union County College's Cranford Campus Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Jersey Bell, Overlook Hospital, Kings Super Markets, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Parcel Service will have representatives on hand to provide detailed information on ways to begin careers within their structures. Local hospitals and banks will also be represented. For further information call 709-7142.

PLAINFIELD—The next scheduled meeting of the Plainfield Task Force on Homeless will be at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Library 515 Watchung Avenue.

Friday, April 6

WAYNE—Reading, Writing and Literature: Connections, a conference for teachers will be held at William Paterson College in the Student Center ballroom beginning at 8:30 a.m. Black literacy, critical thinking, ethical awareness, creative writing and other topics will be addressed. For further information contact the Center for Continuing Education at 201-595-2436.

Friday, April 6-Sunday, April 8

LIVINGSTON—Gov. Thomas Kean will be the honorary chairman of the fifteenth Annual Northern New Jersey Antiques Show and Sale held at Newark Academy, 91 South Orange Avenue in Livingston. Twenty-nine dealers from around the country will be in attendance. General admission is \$5. For further information call 992-7000.

Saturday, April 7

PLAINFIELD—Friends of the Plainfield Public Library will be accepting donations of books, records, special interest magazines, recent encyclopedias and reference materials from 9:30-3:00 p.m. at the Library on Park Avenue.

PLAINFIELD—Free food will be distributed at Hubbard Junior High School, 661 West 8th Street, Plainfield for Plainfield residents only. Distribution begins at 8:00 a.m. Bring your own bags, 1989 commodities card and identification. For further information call Patsie Boone at 753-3519.

Saturday, April 7

IRVINGTON—Friends of the Newark section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. invites the public to come and enjoy a country breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at William's Country Kitchen 865 Springfield Ave. (corner of Maple Ave.) Irvington. For a cash donation of \$5 you can enjoy a sumptuous country breakfast as well as the fellowship of local NCNW supporters, Newark

section members in your community. Reservations will be accepted at the door.

April 7-14

PLAINFIELD—"Springtime at Questover," sponsored by the Plainfield Symphony Society Auxiliary will include over 200 crafters offering everything from silk flower arrangements to topiaries and clothing. The hours are Monday - Friday 11-7 p.m. Saturday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 12 noon-5 p.m. Central Avenue in Plainfield.

Sunday, April 8

NEWARK—The Newark Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. is hosting a candidates' forum beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Abyssinian Baptist Church 224 West Kinney St. Newark for all Newark residents interested in meeting the candidates running for the at-large city council seats.

The National Council of Negro Women, Newark Section, a non-profit volunteer service organization established in Newark for over 25 years feels this forum would allow Newark voters a chance to personally and informally familiarize themselves with the candidates and the issues prior to the May 8 municipal election. For further information about this event please contact Mary Cohen-Bundy during the day at 201-376-2100 or in the evenings at 672-2806.

PLAINFIELD—Dr. Fred Lathrop, Walter Swain and Thomas van Arsdale will be honored at King's Daughters Day School in Plainfield by the board of trustees at a reception held from 3-6 p.m. Winners of the "It's a Small World" photo contest will be joining the celebration and displaying their work which will be on exhibit during the week of April 2 through April 7 at the Plainfield Public Library. For further information call 756-7788.

Tuesday, April 10

PLAINFIELD—King's Daughters Day School, 502 West Front Street in Plainfield will hold an Open House from 5 to 6 p.m. to meet its teachers. The day school is now accepting registration for its all day Kindergarten program. KIDS offers hours from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., fees based upon income; an active parent group; a developmental Kindergarten program geared to the learning capabilities of each child and certified teacher and assistant teacher. For further information call 201-756-7788.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a Public Hearing and Adoption of the 1990 School Budget at 7:00 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Library. The finance, Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

PLAINFIELD—The April Meeting of the City of Plainfield's Plainfield Action Services Community Action Board of Directors will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the first floor of City Hall Annex, 510 Watchung Avenue.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Free 2 Day

Computer Course hosted by Lyle Sigmund, president of LPAS Consulting Co. will be held at the Scotch Plains Public Library, Barco Street at 7 p.m. A hands-on demonstration of IBM computers as well as an introduction to the current popular software used in businesses today. For space reservations and additional information call 201-889-6300.

Thursday, April 12

RARITAN—The Jassmine Smith Henderson Memorial Adult Education Scholarship Fund is currently soliciting applicants for consideration for its 1990 award(s). Candidates must be 21 years of age or older, a Greater Somerville Area resident, serious about pursuing a vocationally-related program of study, and in need of financial assistance. Application deadline is April 12. Form and instructions can be obtained from: J.S. Henderson Scholarship fund, c/o The Raritan Savings Bank, 9 West Somerset St., Raritan, NJ 08869.

WAYNE—Last day for tax assistance offered by accounting majors at William Paterson College in the lobby of White Hall on campus. For further information call 201-595-2435.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Business Association meeting will feature Frank Betts, Appraiser and past president of the PBA. Meetings are held at noon at the Plainfield High School. For further information call 755-1133.

Friday, April 13

PLAINFIELD—An Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 2 p.m. at the Atkins Park Recreation Center in Plainfield for children 10 years old and under.

Saturday, April 14

PLAINFIELD—The Thrill of the Hunt is the theme of the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Plainfield Jaycees from 9-11 a.m. at Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

Tuesday, April 17

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education will conduct a Business Meeting at 8:00 p.m. after its Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to take action on recommendations given at the Executive Session. The public is invited to the Plainfield High School Library, Plainfield Avenue.

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'Like father, like son' Herbert Tate Jr. keeps legacy alive

by Connie Woodruff

Herbert Tate, Jr., the state's only black County Prosecutor, was honored recently by the Essex County Safety Officers Coalition, a district-wide special scholarship fund for minority students at Rutgers Law School in Newark.

Mr. Tate was appointed prosecutor four years ago at the outset of Governor Tom Kean's second term. His five year term will expire in 1991 and messages are already being sent to Governor Florio to consider his re-appointment.

Several speakers at the dinner emphasized the absence of contention between the prosecutor's office and the general Essex County community since Tate, Jr. took over the reins of what is described as "one of the most difficult" prosecutor's offices in the state.

The students fund at Rutgers was established shortly after the death of his father, Herbert Tate, Sr., who died two years ago.

Tate, Sr. graduated from Rutgers-Newark Law School in 1935, and shortly thereafter opened a law practice on Irvine Turner Boulevard and Spruce Street in the heart of Newark's Central Ward.

He was a familiar figure in the area, walking daily from his law office to the N.J. HERALD NEWS office at 188 Irvine Turner Blvd., where he had an interest in the state's foremost black newspaper of that time.

He would have beamed with pride to hear the phrase "Like Father, like Son," attributed to Herb, Jr., whom he often referred to as "Twig" until his untimely death. But as the Junior Tate tells it, "I had no choice but to follow my father's profession. In the Tate family the men are expected to be lawyers and the women, teachers." His grandmother, Mrs. Hortense Tate of Montclair, sitting in the audience, nodded in agreement.

The Essex County Safety Officers Coalition succeeded in making the black-tie affair a family affair, giving many speakers words of personal praise and colleagues an opportunity to recall nostalgic moments embracing father and son. The dinner was

co-chaired by James Stewart and Geraldine "G.G." Foushee.

Several speakers like Essex County Sheriff Tom D'Alessio recalled Judge Herbert Tate, Sr. as the Essex County juvenile and Domestic Relations Court justice before he retired from the Superior Court system in 1976.

Dr. Lenworth Gunther, Essex County College history professor and host of the cable tv show, "IMPACT!" described Prosecutor Tate as a "young black man succeeding and building. Herbert

Tate, Jr. is carrying on the torch from his father. Keeping up a tradition," Gunther said.

"Like his father, Tate, Jr. is active in the community. A visible prosecutor who provides justice for both the accused and the victims of crime," said Leonard Coleman, former commissioner of Community Affairs, who was the keynote speaker.

Otis Henington, a family friend of father and son, recalled the elder Tate marched for civil rights as far back as 1918 when

he was a child of 10 and later joined Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the post-war civil rights struggle.

Two significant "firsts" marked Judge Tate's long and rewarding career. One occurred during his tenure as an Essex County Assemblyman when he co-sponsored the state's first civil rights law that prohibited discrimination in public places like restaurants, lunch-counters, movie houses and schools. That was in 1949. In the early 1950's

President Dwight Eisenhower appointed Mr. Tate as the nation's first black cultural attaché to Pakistan and it was in that country that his wife, Ethel, gave birth to Herb Tate, Jr.

As Coleman said, "The Tate name is a legacy as far as human rights are concerned in this country and the scholarship perpetuates this legacy."

In his post-dinner remarks, Prosecutor Tate, Jr., characteristi-

cally brief and honest, said, "I was just an ordinary kid who fooled around in school and who thought my father didn't know very much until I was about 25. Then I thought the old man seemed like he was getting a little smarter. But when I reached 30, suddenly my father seemed full of wisdom. It was at that point when I realized how little I really knew and that I would be smarter by learning everything I could from him. Today I'm glad I did."

Mother Kelly honored

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bank.

The 1990 honorees included Connie Woodruff, long-time chairperson of the N.J. Advisory Commission on the Status of Women and advocate for education and political action and coalition building among the state's diversified women's groups.

Dr. Shirley B. Cathie of Plainfield, was recognized for her work in education as director of an urban branch of Union County College. Dr. Cathie, an ordained minister, co-pastors the Community Church of God in Plainfield, with her husband, Rev. Burton Cathie. A former member of the Plainfield Board of Education, she is a co-founder of the Black Women's History Conference, directs workshops on Family Life

and Sex Education, is a Sunday School teacher and a mayoral appointee to the Commission on Excellence in Education.

Patricia Davis-Rose, a resident of Summit, is affiliated with the investment services firm of E.A. Moore Co., where she is Manager of Government Financing. Her attention is primarily focused on young children and teens where she is active in American Legion Auxiliary Post 322, Summit and chair of the Scholarship Program, Special Olympics and Community, Children and Youth programs. A member of the Washington School PTA and Summit Day Center, she, husband Donald and son, Edward, are members of Pilgrim Baptist Church. In her

"spare time" she serves as assistant Den Mother in Edward's Cub Scout Troop and raises funds for many community organizations.

Florida Causey Dixon, a resident of Pennsboro, N.J. was honored for her professional and private work with the Salem County Board of Social Services. She is involved in the REACH program, serves on the Human Services Advisory Council, the Committee

on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the EOF Board of Salem Community College as well as the Salem County Commission on Women.

Kattie Jones, of Trenton was cited as an "unsung heroine" in her community where she is a long time volunteer Francis Medical Center as well as the Deborah Hospital Foundation that recently presented her with a

lifetime membership. A member of Friendship Baptist Church, Trenton, she also volunteers as a member of the Community Interfaith Organization.

Johanna Wells Smith, a native of Toms River, was the first black graduate of Toms River High School and her husband, James, are the parents of six children. Needless to say Johanna was an active PTA member and has

earned a lifetime membership in the N.J. Congress of P.T.A. An active member of Wells Chapel A.M.E. Church and Church Women United, she is also an associate member of the Missionary and Sewing Circle of the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, and the Order of Eastern Star.

ARK sponsors King essay contest

ARK announced today an activity for young people on the theme, "What Martin Luther King Meant to Me."

The Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness, known as ARK, is a non-profit corporation, made up of people from St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Plainfield and Temple Emanuel of Westfield. One of its objectives is to rehabilitate private homes for people who are unable to do the work themselves because of health or financial problems.

Another objective is to encourage good relationships among people of different religions, colors and backgrounds.

The two congregations began working together on various projects about four years ago. They have raised money for the homeless, have housed homeless people, have studied and prayed together, presented a professional dance troupe, and staged a musical comedy.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has been a source of inspiration for many of the members of ARK since the 1960's. Yet, the youth of today know him only as an historical figure. Using funds granted by the Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee, ARK will award \$75 US bonds to the winners in four categories. There

will be an essay program for children in seventh and eighth grades who reside in Plainfield or attend Plainfield schools. There will be a separate program for those in ninth to twelfth grades. Likewise, there will be poster programs for the same two groups.

Essays will be one 8 X 11 inch page in length. Posters will be 11 X 14 inches.

Essays and posters must be submitted by April 28, 1990. The awards will be presented on May 20, 1990 at a public ceremony at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, at which the winners may read their essays, and the winning posters

will be exhibited. Additional prizes will also be awarded. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Entries may be mailed to ARK, c/o E. and B. Danner, 1435 Maple Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Entries may be delivered to Mrs. Lynette Bourne on Saturday, April 28, 1990 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at 1348 Park Avenue, Plainfield, N.J.

The work should be that of the entrant. He or she should state his or her name, address, phone number, age, school and grade.

On the Money

Grigory Brandford Powell Inc. Ranks Among Nation's Top 30 Investment Banking Firms: Recent rankings list Grigory Brandford Powell Inc. (GBP) within the nation's top thirty investment banking firms, specializing in municipal bonds. The firm, which placed #61 in 1987, senior managed twenty-six issues totalling \$594.6 million to score the impressive gain. Additionally, GBP placed among the nation's top fifteen regional firms. The recent industry rankings hold historical importance for GBP executive vice-president, Napoleon Brandford, who says that "it was the first time a minority-owned firm has placed so highly." Fact is, blacks didn't gain exposure to Wall Street until 1971, when the first black firm was founded. What's more it wasn't until just two years ago that a black firm broke into the top 100. That firm—Grigory Brandford Powell Inc.—continues to be the dominant leader among its minority/women-owned counterparts.

Florida University Offers Free Tuition To Blacks: In what the United Negro College Fund believes is the nation's only such program, Florida Atlantic University will become the only public university offering free tuition to all black freshmen who meet the standards for admission. The move was prompted when the Board of Regents ordered the school, located in Boca Raton, to increase its freshman enrollment by 50 percent next year. Such an increase, dictates that the number of black students must also rise in order to meet the state targets for minority enrollment. (Just 28 blacks made this year's freshmen class). The program, financed jointly through private donations and school monies, is open to both residents and non-residents of the state of Florida. Of course, Florida residents will have preference.

Black Woman Caps Lead Role In Today's Music Industry: Cassandra Mills, founder of Creative Star Management, which manages the careers of top R&B vocalist Stephanie Mills, Robert Brooks and new Gelfin sensation Christopher Williams, has been pegged by former MCA music chief Irving Azoff to head up the black music division of his newly-formed Azoff Entertainment. Azoff who scored quite a coup when he hired now Motown chief Jheri Busby to head MCA's then insolvent black music division some years back, (transforming it into the industry's powerhouse label). Undoubtedly hopes to do the same with Mills. Azoff Entertainment, which struck a distribution pact with Warner Bros. Began operation early this year.

Did you know that much of the black middle class is fewer than two paychecks away from being in the underclass. What's more, blacks hold just 6.1% of the nation's managerial and professional jobs. Ironically, black professionals are twice as likely to become jobless.

IRS Grants Extension To Redd Foxx: Comedian Redd Foxx has gotten an extension from the Internal Revenue Service to settle up his debt. Foxx, who was stripped of all his possessions last year, is fearful that if his lawyers can't come to an agreement, that some of his belongings could be auctioned off. Foxx is also disillusioned by the lack of help he has gotten from his Hollywood friends. "It would be chump change for them," Foxx said of the remaining debt. (Thus far, only George Carlin and George Kirby have offered to help). At present the comedian is grossing \$20,000 a week for his stint at the Hacienda Hotel (on the Vegas strip). However, he only gets to keep \$150 of it. In Short: Beginning May 1, a ban of liquor ads from inner city billboards for Schiefelbusch & Son (maker of Johnny Walker scotch and Hennessy cognac) will take effect. For some time activist groups have charged that the ads (particularly as part of target marketing campaigns) entice minority groups to buy products that could be unsafe and/or unhealthy. Meanwhile, makers of "The Cosby Show" are hitting NBC execs up for a \$100 million bonus in order to renew the hit TV series for another season.

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COMMENTARY

Editorial

More resources needed for youth programs

Much of our attention, of late, has focused on budget problems, and the millions put into the drug war, and prisons.

What is really puzzling, is the lack of attention given to ways to develop children which have a greater possibility of reducing crime and drug abuse. While there is a billion-dollar war against drugs, a billion-dollar campaign to build more prisons, a multi-million-dollar program to reduce high school drop outs, teenage pregnancy, and the spread of aids, there is almost no discussion, or dollars for community recreational activities. We believe that young people who develop themselves spiritually, physically, and mentally will be less likely to succumb to temptations which damage their body, more likely to have a reason to achieve, and better able physically. Rather than spending so much time telling kids to say "NO," if just some of that time was devoted to encouraging youngsters to participate in recreational activities that include learning about health, nutrition, and fitness, we would have fewer wars to wage against unbeatable enemies.



Urban recreational facility for future Olympians.

Photo by Glen Frislen

Candidates running for the City Council need to ask how they can help create a recreational mecca that will help to foster achievement and physical fitness.

We encourage candidates for the boards of education to identify issues that are important for the achievements of the children. We encourage residents to look carefully at those who are running for the boards of education and ask those who served one very important question: What have you done to improve the education of our children? For those who have not served, they must be asked, How specifically will you make a difference in the education of our children? The responses to these questions will give voters a real reason to vote or not vote on a candidate.

Quote of the Week

If you have no confidence in self you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence you have won even before you have started.

Marcus Garvey

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As I see it...

Commentary by
Connie Woodruff

Unless something unforeseen happens, Jim Usury will be re-elected as Mayor of Atlantic City. New evidence was recently introduced that clears him of any wrongdoing. Possible criminal prosecution was the only thing that stood between the former Atlantic City teacher and another term in office.

But somewhere along the line, Jim Usury and his wife have about him as a person, will be to pause and ask "Is it worth it?" to endanger his health and possibly tarnish his good name to boast of being Mayor of Atlantic City? Jim and his wife have given their all to improve the neighborhoods that stand in the shadows of the towering casino-hotels along the boardwalk. But the results have been as ineffective as putting a band aid on a cancer.

This week Donald Trump's architectural masterpiece, Taj Mahal opened with the fanfare of a Hollywood premier—on the boardwalk, of course. Two short blocks away, practically in Taj Mahal's backdrops, are some of A.C.'s worst slums.

Motorists drive through the area so fast as it is safe and hardly see the men and women in tattered clothing, sometimes huddling around an open fire for a bit of warmth. Gamblers in a hurry to reach the Showboat and the glitzy Trump "Eighth Wonder of the World," don't even see the dirty little kids playing in streets and vacant lots strewn with debris because there are few playgrounds in this city known as the "playground of the world."

Of course when A.C. was the "playground of the world," it was mostly white and blacks hid their side of town. As white money moved out, blacks moved in and so did a curtailing of city services, corruption and other negatives that have helped this city to die a slow death.

Mayor Usury inherited a real bad situation and has been so busy fighting white and black politicians who want to be on the good side of casino operators, he really hasn't had much of an opportunity to introduce creative

ideas or time to convince the money moguls it's high time they pay attention to the areas bordering the boardwalk and Pacific Avenue.

For a while everybody, the NAACP, Urban League, clergy and unions, concentrated on affirmative action. The cry was for casino jobs for residents of the city regardless of race, age and experience.

When it became apparent that the best jobs called for specific training, casino investors, anxious for a quick return on their money, could not afford to wait until a local workforce was ready to assume the thousands of jobs. They began importing casino-trained personnel from Las Vegas, the Caribbean and anywhere else where casinos operated.

Atlantic City regulars were mostly older, retired people who couldn't keep up the fast pace demanded of dealers, waiters and waitresses and domestics or they were kids too young to be hired for casino work.

In the meantime the city's deterioration was on a downward spiral. It is as serious today as it was pre-casino industry.

Few casino workers live in the city simply because the housing stock is poor and limited. They are forced to find shelter in adjoining communities like Absecon, Pleasantville, Margate, Smithville, etc.

There are some attractive, shiny new condos along Pacific Avenue in A.C. But they are selling for a half million dollars for the most exclusive and in the 100 thousand dollar range for the "cheepies." Casino workers can ill afford this kind of money and it is definitely out of the question for the natives who city work for the city, county or at the most low paying jobs in the local hotels and motels.

Even the rumors of new, low-cost housing that was emphasized with high hopes by the Keen administration, have petered out in recent months.

I remember when Arcic and Kentucky Avenues were the mecca for black hotels, guest houses, restaurants, bars and convenience stores. But few blacks own restaurants and studies show that

Many of the white owned stores along Atlantic Avenue, the city's main thoroughfare, have been taken over by Asians and so many are boarded up, it's downright scary.

It's time for local, county and state government, the Casino

Commission and groups like the NAACP, Urban League, fraternal groups and others to bring pressure to bear on entities like the Atlantic City Casino Re-investment authority and casino corporations, to live up to their promises to bring about a renaissance of the neighborhood.

We ought to be willing to test the waters to see how effective a black (gambler's) boycott of the casino trade would affect the industry. Such drastic action won't be easy. Many of us can hardly wait for the buses to pull out to begin the daily trip to Atlantic City. For our senior citizens, it's often the only day outing they have on a regular basis. They like to soak up the sun on the boardwalk and to collect coins and food vouchers just for taking a two-hour ride.

Nothing doesn't want bad publicity, so demonstrations may work. But they can't be demonstrations of a few rag-tag groups. Blacks and others fed up with being treated as second-class citizens, prepared to march en masse, must stay on the case until something concrete is designed to meet the growing crisis in the "other Atlantic City."

When Mayor Usury is re-elected, he may remember that when things looked bleak for him only a faithful few rallied to his side. He may finally realize he is not alone, but his feelings hurt if he doesn't force the issue on revitalization of his city.

At this point in time, Jim



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Mis-education a must

Usually no one would disagree that in the vast majority of cases our children are being miseducated in the public schools all across this country. The facts and statistics supplied in numerous reports and studies show that highlight this sad reality. Among the major industrialized nations of the world, the United States have been consistently ranked last in the areas of mathematics and geography, the results clearly highlight the failure of our educational system to prepare our young people for those skills which will be needed to compete in a global world market, driven by the demands and continued advancement of science and technology.

In major urban areas such as Newark, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles etc., the educational systems can be best characterized as deplorable and inadequate. The majority of children who are enrolled in these school systems are from African American and Hispanic communities, whom face a myriad of social, political and economic problems. These problems are deep rooted, and arise from the historic oppression and systematic destruction of these communities.

In the case of the African American communities, we have a pattern of neglect, abuse, and planned termination of the intellect and creativity of our people, that can be traced back to the forced enslavement of our people in this country. It was against the law for any African American to even be taught how to read or write (please remember, that when our ancestors were originally captured and forced from our African homeland, that we did not come here speaking English, Portuguese or French. We were from many different tribes, speaking a number of languages, so when our ancestors were forcibly enslaved by America, we had to learn this foreign language, without the benefit of formalized training). It was to the benefit of the oppressor, to keep our people in a subordinate position by denying us the right to gain an equitable education to that of white people, because it would undermine their ability to control and manipulate us. Brother David Walker who was called the "John Baptist of the antislavery crusade" noted in the 1800's this reality when he stated: "I would crawl on my hands and knees through mud and mire, in the feet of a

Usury may be more than willing for the support of other black mayors and elected officials who enjoy the fun and frolic and glitz and glamour of A.C. where many of them take out of town guests for an expensive "night on the town."

We should campaign as hard for an Atlantic City renaissance as we campaigned to make gambling legal in New Jersey during the Brendan Byrne era.

I believe enough New Jersey-based groups use the facilities to make a difference. Most of the conventions of groups like unions, independent teacher groups, senior citizen groups, public and private agencies, the League of Municipalities and County Officials, to mention a few, have at least on and sometimes several meetings, conventions and similar get-togethers a year, to make a dent in the convention trade that will make some of the casino's hurt.

Coalitions are not hard to organize when the cause is just. And, the cause of making all of Atlantic City prosperous—of spreading the wealth to make a whole city healthy—is a just cause.

Nothing beats a trial but a failure. My choice for the leadership in this venture are the hundreds of black elected officials in communities throughout the state who brag about their "power." They would love to be in the position to be willing to put it to the test in the rebuilding of Atlantic City.

learned man, where I would sit and humbly supplicate him to assist into me, that which neither devils nor tyrants could remove, only with my life—for colored people to acquire learning in this country, makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy foundation."

It becomes virtually impossible to keep a person enslaved if you give them the necessary tools to free themselves: knowledge, wisdom and love. It is simply foolish to think that anyone who seeks to oppress you, will voluntarily give you the ways and means to liberate yourselves. History has proven that access to the educational system for African Americans has only occurred through protracted struggle.

Forced to provide some type of education to the oppressed masses, it was predictable that it would be inferior. It has remained inferior, even up to this present day, and to engage in any discussion or debate on how to eradicate the miseducation of our children in our schools is without this historical perspective, is to try to solve a problem without this historic perspective, is to try to solve a problem without all of the necessary information being provided to you.

Carter G. Woodson's book "The Mis-education of the Negro" should be a book that is included on the reading list in every school, because it provides the necessary historic analysis and insights which we need to understand what has happened to us and our children in the American public school system. Originally published in 1933, it has been over 57 since it was written (which is a sad reminder of how little we have really progressed, either a necessary job, on the level of retrogression we have witnessed over the past few years).

Carter G. Woodson stated: "How we have arrived at the present state of affairs can be understood by studying the forces effective in the development of Negro education since it was systematically undertaken immediately after Emancipation. To point out merely the defects as they appear today will be of little benefit to the present and future generations. The conditions of today have been determined by what has taken place in the past, and in a careful study of this history we may see more clearly the great theatre of events in which the Negro has played a part."

During the next couple of articles, I will attempt to look at what some of these factors are, and how it impacts on the struggle for quality education in our communities today. I believe that when we have students and communities making schools work, when the majority of the students are in fact African American, like we are witnessing in cities such as Newark and Plainfield, we can see the failure of many of the history we may see to really provide the leadership and insights into solving the ills and problems which plague us.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

A great deal has been said lately about America's "War on Drugs" but the discussion seldom includes our numbers-one drug problem which, as hard as it may be for many of us to admit, is alcohol. While no one can deny the catastrophic consequences of illegal drug use, we should not turn our eyes away from the toll exacted by a substance that is both legal and heavily marketed.

And what better time than April, Alcohol Awareness Month, to examine the impact alcohol consumption has on this country. The seventh Special Report to the U.S. Congress on alcohol and health, released in February, contained this startling information:

* Although U.S. per capita consumption of alcohol is at its lowest level since 1970, alcohol is used by more Americans than any other drug, including tobacco. Even with the decline, this represents 29.8 gallons (approximately 318 12-oz. cans) of beer; 50 gallons (7 1/2-oz. glasses) of wine; and 2.1 gallons (179 1.5-oz. drinks) of spirits for each person age 14 and over.

* An estimated 10.5 million U.S. adults exhibit some symptoms of alcoholism; an additional 7.2 million abuse alcohol, but do not show symptoms of dependence.

* Despite a downward trend in alcohol use by high school seniors—for whom alcohol, like marijuana and cocaine, is an illegal drug during the past decade, they still use alcohol at alarmingly high rates: in 1988, 92% had tried alcohol, nearly two-thirds were current drinkers, and more than one-third were occasional heavy drinkers.

Nearly half of all deaths from motor vehicle crashes are related to alcohol. It has been estimated that the risk of a fatal crash per mile driven is at least eight times higher for a drunk driver than a sober one.

* It is estimated that 25% of all hospitalized persons have alcohol-related problems.

The economic cost of alcohol abuse and dependence was estimated to be \$116.9 billion in 1983, and the cost is estimated at \$136.3 billion in 1990.

Untrained alcoholics and their families have higher general healthcare costs than non-alcoholics and their families. These costs tend to decrease following alcoholism treatment.

* Fetal exposure to alcohol is one of the leading known causes of mental retardation in the western world; treatment costs associated with such exposure total nearly one-third of a billion dollars annually.

* The damaging effects of offspring of maternal drinking during pregnancy are long-lasting. Although a follow-up study of fetal alcohol syndrome cases showed some improvement, learning deficiencies persisted.

The next time your readers drink to somebody's health, I hope that they will remember a few of these facts. Only when Americans begin to re-evaluate their attitudes about alcohol and put this legal drug into proper perspective, can we expect to make any progress in treating the epidemic of addiction now destroying the very fabric of our society.

Gladias A. Kearns
Executive Director
Union County Council on
Alcoholism and Other
Drug Addictions, Inc.

RELIGION

Sorority hosts leadership conference

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Delta Phi Chapter of Hillsdale, New Jersey traveled to Salisbury, Maryland on March 16-18 to participate in their annual Leadership Convention.

Sixty of the ninety-two member youth group made an impressive entrance into the banquet on that Saturday evening strutting their white tail tuxedos, a trademark of Delta Phi Kudos and Xinos. Both groups were represented in the all the competition throughout the convention.

Brian Taylor, a senior at Essex Catholic Boys Prep School, and Aletha Hall, a senior of Hillsdale High School's Satellite Team, received a standing ovation of their speeches given at the University of Maryland's Campus. The topic was "Famous Role Models Charting My Future." Rana Biddle, a senior at Hillsdale High School's Satellite Team with a GPA of 4.0 was presented as "The Scholar of the Year." She was eloquently introduced by Wallita Trimmings, a sophomore at Montclair Immaculate High.

Gwendolyn Mazyk sang her way to first place in the vocal competition and received a thunderous applause for her rendition of "Teach Me Oh Lord." Nothing kept the crowd on their feet like the Step Show. Delta Phi's Xinos stepped out in force with 42 Xinos Busting Loose and the Kudos stepped the show with Kudos Ripples!

The Xinos and Kudos were accompanied by their advisors and fifteen parents. The parents were proud of how well behaved

their Youth Group were.

This group is made of high school students from 12 schools in Union and Essex Counties. The criterion for membership is average, no suspensions, participation in civic or community organizations, recommendations from two of their classroom teachers, a copy of their high school transcript, autobiography with photo, and receive 1/3 of the votes from the Xinos and Kudos Executive Council.



April is Newark Anti-Graffiti Month

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community volunteers will continue to remove graffiti in the North, CENTRAL and West Wards, and again on Saturday, April 28, in the South and East Wards.

According to Mayor James: "Graffiti has plagued our cities for several decades, and I am grateful that the Improve Newark Program will be able to launch this offensive to improve the City's appearance and discourage graffiti. This graffiti removal program will send a clear message to graffiti artists and vandals that we will no longer tolerate their disrespect for public and private property nor their insensitivity to the persons who reside in or visit our city."

The Improve Newark Program is a cooperative effort between the Newark municipal government, Newark schools, community organizations and area

businesses. Assisting the Improve Newark Program in removing graffiti will be the "Who Cares? We Care" organization of students from Rutgers University, the New Jersey Institute of Tech-

nology (NJIT), Essex County College, and Seton Hall University.

These students will not only be removing graffiti, but also cleaning vacant lots.

Edwin McLucas, who is in charge of the Improve Newark Program, said: "As the City of Newark continues to develop, the community has become extremely supportive of improving the City's image. Unfortunately, unsightly graffiti has a negative impact on our efforts to make Newark a cleaner city. Newark residents must join together and assume the joint responsibility of discouraging graffiti."

Those interested in helping with Anti-Graffiti Month should contact Donna Say at the Improve Newark Program at 733-5378.

Each school participating will receive special recognition and a plaque.

NHA announces progress in housing stock replacement

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two-story building on March 9, 1990 is part of the NHA's preparation for demolition," Dr. Blue said. All sixty-one families who had signed in Building 3 were moved during a one-year period.

"These families have been relocated from high-rise dwellings to low-rise developments which are safer and more desirable for family living," he said. Additionally, the NHA provided the families with counseling services as well as a relocation allowance to assist them in making a smooth transition.

Dr. Blue noted that the relocation of families and subsequent closure of buildings will hasten the construction of a minimum of 300 new apartment units on the site as stipulated by the Columbus Homes court settlement agreement.

The Columbus Homes Court settlement agreement recently reached between the Newark Coalition for Low-Income Housing v. the NHA and Secretary Jack Kemp specifies that before the NHA can proceed with the

demolition of Columbus Homes it must have contracted for the construction of 465 new apartment units. New construction for more than 1700 new apartment units is planned over the next six years.

The NHA began to close buildings at Columbus Homes in 1972 (Buildings 4 and 5) and to consolidate residents into the remaining buildings. Ten years later, the NHA was forced to close Buildings 6 and 7, and in 1984 Building 8 was closed after the investment of millions of dollars of modernization improvements resulted in a repetition of the same problems. Recently, only Buildings 1 and 2 remain open, housing a total of approximately 124 families.

"We are advancing toward our goal to provide affordable housing for low-income residents in the City of Newark," said expeditiously and we are confident that our goal to provide replacement housing will be realized."

Newarkers pledge planet Earth

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corporations that promote global responsibility. Further, they pledge to vote and support those candidates who demonstrate an abiding concern for the environment.

"It's time for everyone to say they're fed up with unbreathable air, exploding oil barges, and products wrapped in useless layers of non-degradable packaging," Mayor James said. "Newarkers who read and sign the Green Pledge card will be making a commitment to become environmentally responsible members of our community."

Signers of the card will be pledging to recycle, conserve energy, buy products that are not harmful to the environment, sup-

port laws that protect the planet, and "adopt a lifestyle as if every day were Earth Day."

All signed pledges returned with Newark water payments will be sent by the City to the Earth Day 1990 organization, which will forward copies to elected officials throughout the country. The national Earth Day 1990 committee also plans to release the total number of pledges signed in the U.S. to the international media.

Mayor James added that residents who do not receive city water bills may still obtain a pledge card from the Newark Department of Engineering, Room 410, City Hall Newark or by call 733-4336.

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much more flexibility for teachers and children. Of course now that teachers have increased their pay for working shorter hours, they will demand more pay. If they get the job done they deserve it.

However increasing the school day will work only if the curriculum and classroom activities are integrated with physical exercise. I predict increasing the school day, increasing citizenship activities, work experiences, with sports activities that involve more of the student body will do more to reduce crime and improve productive work behaviors than any single change that can be made. Students' interest in learning will also in-

Newark board offers grants

The Newark Board of Education is accepting applications for programs that may be eligible for funding under P.L. 100-297 entitled "Federal State and Local Partnership for Educational Improvement," also known as "Chapter 2."

Priority areas include basic skills development, dropout prevention/attendance improvement, reducing discipline and discipline problems, school-community relations, staff attendance, improving the image of the Newark Public School system, cultivating a closer relationship with the business community, increasing job preparation program in secondary schools, increasing the staff development efforts, improving supervision throughout the system, child care programs,

Newark Community Cleanups

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city environment, such as a vacant lot, a local park, or their block.

"Newark residents have always shown a great deal of pride in their city and respect for the environment," said Mayor Sharpe. "By offering debris containers and pickup, we hope to make it easier for both individuals and community organizations to exercise that pride by conducting community clean-up projects."

In addition to the dumpster

Seacoast Missionary Baptists meet to plan revival

The Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association meeting began with the singing of hymns at the Salem Baptist Church in Long Branch.

Music was in the air with the sounds of clapping hands and tapping feet. Heads were swaying from side to side to the beat. Occasionally a shout of joy rang out over the singing.

The tone was being set for the upcoming revival.

Reverend Rufus Monroe, pastor of the church and moderator for the association read the scripture and proceeded with the agenda.

"The purpose for the committee meeting is to finalize our program for our area revival service which will be held April 23 to April 27, at Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple in Asbury Park," said Monroe, to an audience of pastors (young and old) and other members of the association. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Pastor of the Mount Zion Mis-

sionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, Dr. Edward V. Hill is the guest speaker of the spiritual event.

Rev. Hill is involved in the senior citizen's housing projects for Mount Zion Towers and E. Mount Villa, Incorporated where he is the organizer, builder and president. He is a life member of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated.

Hill is the president and director of The World Christian Training Center.

The assembly also discussed the Leadership Institute which will be held April 2 to April 30. There are 37 Baptist churches in the association which are spread throughout the four corners of Monmouth, Ocean, Middlesex and Mercer according to Vivian Atkinson, director at the Brookdale Learning Center in Long Branch.

Each district is involved in a

leadership institute which provides Christian training education for the churches, said Atkinson.

Baptists meet

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Jersey Convention president.

Social Action Chairperson, Barbara Strothers commented that state leaders who have been asked to speak include Keith Jones, State President of the NAACP and Acting President and CEO of the Essex County Urban League, Marvin Johnson.

"It is important that we hear from them and discuss how we can work together to solve the local problems in our communities," said Rev. Atkinson.

The General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey represents more than 300 churches statewide and 150,000 members, and is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. with more than 7.5 million people.

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Phone: 756-2684

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EVENTS

Saturday, April 7
PLAINFIELD—The Christian Board of Education of the First Park Baptist Church will sponsor a Car Wash starting at 7 a.m. in the church parking lot, 7th Street and Central Avenue. Enjoy a light breakfast while you wait. For further information call 756-5322.

NORTH PLAINFIELD—The Women's Guild of the Trinity Reformed Church in North Plainfield will hold their Spring Rummage Sale to benefit various charities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church 401 Greenbrook Road.

DUNELLEN—The Dunellen United Methodist Church, 150 Dunellen Avenue will host an Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The floors of crafters will feature hand-made items and crafts. A homemade lunch and refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

Mon.-Fri., April 9-13
LAKEWOOD—Ocean County Interdenominational Ministerium's second annual Holy Week Revival featuring Dr. Ronnie D. Joyner, pastor of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church Norfolk, Virginia. Begins 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 143 John St., Lakewood.

Wed & Thurs, April 18 & 19
PLAINFIELD—A Super Rummage sale held Wednesday evening 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 7th and Madison Ave., Plainfield. Clothing, Household items, toys, books and more.

Sunday, April 29
ASBURY PARK—The Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association will hold their area Revival Service at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Temple in Asbury Park. For further information call 201-222-0133.

Saturday, May 19
PLAINFIELD—First Park Baptist church, 7th Street and Central Avenue will sponsor a Flea Market. Crafters and Vendors are wanted. Call 756-5322.

YES to being a good neighbor, YES to achieving.

Jersey City State honors 51 students

The Opportunity Scholarship Program of Jersey City State College will recognize 51 honors students at a campus ceremony on Thursday, April 12, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Artspace Hapburn Hall, Room 215, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. Families and friends of the honorees will attend. The community is invited. Funded by the State of New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund, the JCSC Opportunity Scholarship Program recruits students who do not meet traditional admissions requirements but have the academic potential and motivation to succeed in college.

The honorees will include Hudson County residents Patricia Acevedo, Carl Lapolla, Ceia Melendone, and Kevin O'Kane of Bayonne; Audrey Lyon of Hoboken; Saïda Abdul-Majid, Jacqueline Costales, Maria Diaz, Gene Gomez, Raymond Drullon, Feliz Gutierrez, Nader Khouzami, Carlos Lobato, Olga Lopez, Katon Patel, Pramod Patel, Donna Pickering, Myra Quiles, Jose Rivera, Nobora Rushforth, Michael Scarpa, Susan Selahy, Tahir Shah, Kim Silerto, Chandra Taitler, Dorothy Yail, Chris Wright, and Caroline Williams of Jersey City; Robert Munley of Kearny; Maria Garcia, Sandra Kachan, and Jesse Thatcher of North Bergen; Maria Castelan, Lucia Mosquera, Gustavo Gomez, Kenny Minoia, Mariana Ruiz and Yvonne Sotomayor of Union City; Patrick Cullen, Jr., and Abigail Miranda of West New York; and Renee Brown and Donnie Norman of East Orange; Marco Luzio of Edison; Darlene Carmel of Irvington; Yamina Contreras, Steven Cooper, Maria Ortiz, Drexel Kimbrough, and Gwendolyn Meade, of Newark; Denise Colvin of Orange; and Perranne Trause of Wood-Ridge.

Applications are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Division of Grants Development on the 7th floor of the Board Headquarters at 2 Cedar Street in Newark. All applications will be reviewed by the Division of Grants Development and the Board administrators in charge of the specific areas. Deadline for submission is May 15, 1990.

Community groups or individuals who are interested in the above areas may contact Gail B. Savage, Coordinator, Division of Grants Development at 733-6436 or 733-6437 for more information.

For more information on obtaining a trash dumpster and pickup, contact the Newark Department of Sanitation at 733-3704.

CITYFIT

Exercise can help young asthmatics

by Nelson Turcios, M.D.

For years, children with asthma sat anxiously on the sidelines and watched their friends romp and play. Now physicians are finding that exercise isn't harmful to asthmatic children but instead contributes to their overall development.

In recent years, a number of athletes have achieved worldwide success despite their asthma. Olympic track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey, professional baseball pitcher Bob Gibson and college basketball standout Danny Manning all excelled in their respective sports despite asthma.

In the past, inactivity was recommended for fear that children would suffer asthma attacks while participating in athletic events such as baseball, basketball and soccer. But with new medicine, new research and common sense, asthmatic children do not have to just sit and watch anymore.

New longer-lasting medicine makes it possible for asthmatics to use a bronchodilator 20 min-

utes before a sports activity. Today's medicine will last up to four hours, much longer than any recreational activity usually lasts. Also, regular aerobic activities make the body more efficient in its use of oxygen. As a result, lung capacity increases and the heart can pump more blood with less effort. Without this kind of exercise, the lungs, heart and other muscles never get a chance to develop properly.

Some activities are, naturally, more strenuous than others so the type of exercise should be considered carefully. Sports such as baseball and golf are often recommended while swimming also presents little difficulty because the air swimmers inhale is moist.

These tips can also be used for safe exercise:

- * Always bring the bronchodilator—or other medication—when exercising. If an attack suddenly strikes, the medication will be needed immediately.

- * Warm-up slowly. Don't rush but take into strenuous exercise. Sudden changes in breathing patterns can stimulate an attack. Always stretch for 15 minutes.

- * If the weather is cold or windy, wear a scarf or a muffler to prevent surges of cold air from drying out or inflaming the throat.

- * Make sure the child's

teacher or coach is aware of the asthma. That way they can look out for early signs of an asthmatic episode.

- * Don't overdo it. Marathon training is probably not the vast way to start on an exercise program. It's best to start with a simple aerobic program and build endurance.

- * Always include a 10 to 30 minute cool-down period following each workout.

- * Exercise not only safely develops endurance and lung capacity but also builds self-confidence. A steady program of sensible exercise will, in the long run, pay valuable dividends in health for the young asthmatic.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Dear Calvin:

I am a single parent with two boys—16 and 5 years of age. What I want to talk about is my oldest son. My son is an average young black male. I know I am blessed to have him. He is active in his school and in our church. He likes to rap just like most male his age, and he likes to dress as his age group does. But please let me why my child has to be stopped on the street by the police, spread eagle, searched and be degraded by all the onlookers while his genitals are being squeezed and fondled. I am quite sure that the police know who the dope pushers are and the corners and goers out of the crack houses. Why is it because you are a young black male you have to be subjected to this time after time after time? My son comes home and says "Oh yeah, I got searched today," just as it puts a normal day of a young black male.

Is this his initiation into manhood?

Fed up, not taking it anymore
 East Orange

Dear Fed Up:

You have a right to be fed up and concerned about your young son being body searched by police for no apparent reason. According to police they may stop a person in a high crime area if someone has given a description and there is reasonable suspicion to stop the person. However the police do not have the right to stop a person because they feel like it.

If you want to make your point with the police department, have your son write a description of where he was, when he was there, how he was stopped, who stopped him, including badge and car number, and any other details he can remember. This information should then be taken to internal affairs within the police department.

In addition you should make copies of your complaint and send one to the local NAACP office, the mayor, and the Captain of the police department. Tape record the description, if you have to, so that the details are clear and take a copy of the tape with you.

If you want to about it. Write to Calvin-Let's Talk About It, c/o City News, PO Box 2389, Newark, NJ 07101

Tennis great Arthur Ashe to compete in Ashe-Bollettieri Tennis Program All-Star Game

For those who love tennis, the Ashe-Bollettieri Tennis Program is serving up a feast of events during its Annual All-Star Game, which will feature tennis legend, Arthur Ashe, going against Mayor Sharpe James.

The match will take place Friday, April 6, 4 p.m., at the Central Ward Boys' and Girls' Club, One Avon Avenue in Newark.

Ashe and the Mayor will be paired with two of the program's best young participants. The competition will also feature singles, doubles and an exhibition match.

Program coordinator, Ajay Pant, said the innovative program was founded by Ashe and renowned tennis coach, Nick Bollettieri, as "a way to get rid of that 'country club' image" of tennis, as well as to develop the sport in urban and rural America, and to provide a means for minorities to gain access to the game. "Arthur and Nick felt there was a wealth of untapped potential in the inner-city of Newark, and cities across the country," he said.

Pant noted that the program instructs students of all ages, but concentrates specifically on developing children's skills.

He added, "It is not just about winning. We strive to develop the whole person: their academics, manners, mental outlook, everything! It's really working; the kids have improved 100 percent. Even if all of the youngsters don't become professional champions, many will have a chance for a college scholarship. More importantly, because of the Ashe-Bollettieri Tennis Program, they will develop the winning attitude to succeed."

Since the inception of the Newark program, which was chosen by Ashe and Bollettieri as the host site, youngsters who could not even hold their rackets are now competing in tournaments and winning.

Pant said that he and other Ashe-Bollettieri officials established a tennis program in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1989, using Newark as the model. In addition, he noted that the Atlanta, Georgia program, set to start this year, and all the programs that will follow are modeled after the one in the Gateway City.

Since November, the young competitors have been practicing in the Boys' and Girls' Clubs throughout the city. The All-Star Game is a way for the youngsters

to showcase what they have learned, according to Pant.

"It is just incredible that these kids have come so far in such a short time," he maintained. "Jeff Glat and Boris Becker got a good headstart in developing their tennis skills. They went on to become champions. By giving our youngsters a similar opportunity, they too can become Arthur Ashe, Zina Garrison, Yannick Noah and Lori McNeil. Someday, Newark youths from this program may stand at Wimbledon center court."

Along with Ashe and Mayor James, Essex County Executive Nicholas Amato, Barbara Bell, executive director of the Newark Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and Bob Davis, National Director of the Ashe-Bollettieri Tennis Program will be in attendance.

There will also be an awards ceremony during the event. The following awards will be presented: "most improved," "best attitude," "best disciplined," and "most valuable."

For more information about the All-Star Game or about enrolling in the program, contact Ajay Pant, Room B-5, Newark City Hall, or call (201) 733-5440.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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tributing "STOP EMOTIONAL ABUSE" booklets to all libraries throughout the state. Also planned is the release of the newly revised "TIPS FOR SHOPPING WITH CHILDREN," a hand-out filled with helpful hints for parents on how to plan and successfully carry out a shopping expedition with your children. It is hoped that many supermarkets throughout New Jersey will be able to distribute the TIPS free of charge to their customers during the month of April.

Child Abuse Prevention Month will culminate with the 5th Annual RACE FOR THE RAINBOW to be held on Sunday, April 29, 1990. The

5 mile race and 1 mile walk/run will take place in downtown New Brunswick, beginning at 11 a.m. This is the Chapter's primary fundraiser of the year. Individuals, businesses and corporations throughout the state are urged to support the event by sponsoring or contributing to the fund-raising efforts. Backing them with a tax-deductible donation, payable to NJC-NCPA.

Founded in 1979, the nonprofit, membership organization is the only statewide agency dedicated to child abuse prevention in all of its forms. It works to meet its goal by increasing community awareness through education, advocacy efforts, prevention programs and program development. Says Executive Director

Mary Beth Pavelec, "Our early efforts to increase public awareness of the existence and extent of child abuse have been successful. Today, more people are aware of child abuse and are better able to recognize it in its many forms. They are now more willing to help and get help when needed."

It shouldn't hurt to be a child. We at the New Jersey Chapter, NCPA encourage you to reach out to a child or family in need. Help spread the message of hope and prevent someone you know and love. Only by working together can we put an end to child abuse.

For more information about NJC-NCPA and the 5th Annual RACE FOR THE RAINBOW contact us at 201-643-3710, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mid-life reality: Exercise a Must

NEW YORK (AP)—If you're 40-something and seem to gain weight, you should check your body's metabolic rate.

"With no changes in diet and a decrease in activity that usually accompanies adulthood," says Nancy Burstein, "most individuals will get fatter each decade after age 25."

Burstein, president of Fitness Plus Inc. of New York, says the over-40 set shouldn't diet without exercising. Muscles are active tissue, which means they burn calories even when you are resting. So if caloric intake is drastically reduced in an attempt to lose weight, the body can lose muscle tissue at the same time it increases its ability to store fat.

She says the best way to lose weight without losing muscle is to cut calories by 25 percent and increase exercise by 25 percent.



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Muhlenberg launches drug and alcohol treatment centers

SUMMIT, NJ—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and the Huntington Foundation have formed an affiliate unit dedicated to the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. The Steps Recovery Centers a nonprofit New Jersey corporation, services Union, Bergen, Middlesex, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Morris and Somerset counties.

Outpatient treatment for adults and adolescents is available in Summit, Paramus, Avenel and Plainfield. Inpatient residential treatment for adolescents is provided at a 24-acre rural campus in Mendham and the affiliated detoxification First Step Unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield offers acute care for both adults and adolescents. Corporate offices are located in Summit.

Charles A. Lascari, Executive

Director of The Steps Recovery Centers said "All our programs are based on The Twelve Step philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous and focus on treating the family and other co-dependents in conjunction with treating the individual suffering from chemical dependency."

The Steps is staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, certified alcoholism counselors and certified substance abuse counselors. Lascari added, "All our staff members are caring professionals who have demonstrated an ability to treat patients and their families with compassion, understanding and professional expertise."

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CITY LIFE

'Springtime at Questover'-- a crafty variety

"Springtime at Questover," sponsored by the Plainfield Symphony Society Auxiliary, will be held during the week of April 7 to April 14. This unique boutique is presented by a group of craftspeople under the direction of two well known crafters, Kathleen D. Fesq of Kaydids, Inc. and Carole J. Iuso of 'Tis the Season. The participants will number 200, and the wide range of offerings will include silk flower arrangements, hand painted pillows, picture

frames, wreaths, and clothing to mention a few of the exciting handcrafts available.

According to an auxiliary spokesperson, "Crafts will be displayed throughout the Victorian mansion, Questover, built in 1893. Located at 1060 Central Avenue in Plainfield, on a wide tree shaded avenue in the Van-Wyck Brooks historic district, Questover was used as a show-case house for the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center auxil-

iary fundraiser in 1984. Because of its grandeur, and spacious layout, it is a perfect setting for this unusual boutique. The charming grounds surrounding the house will also be used to display statuary, fresh plants, bunnies in every possible medium, Easter baskets, homemade chocolates and shortbread."

The hard working committee consists of: Elisabeth Shea, Auxiliary President, Mildred Colby, 2nd Vice President, assisted by

Brenda Anderson, Chloë Drysdale, Camille Flathman.

Hours are Monday - Friday 11 - 7 pm; Saturday 10 - 5 pm; Sunday 12 noon - 5 pm. This is the major fund raiser of the Plainfield Symphony Society Auxiliary.

Billy Dee Williams presents first painting exhibition

Surprisingly, it was painting not acting that first captured Billy Dee Williams' heart. Indeed, as a young art student at New York City's National Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Williams initially took acting jobs as a way to pay for his art supplies. To the chagrin of the academy director, who feared Williams might "waste" his considerable talents on the stage, Williams' acting career soon took off.

That academy director undoubtedly would be pleased to know that Williams is fulfilling his early artistic promise. The first-ever exhibit of Billy Dee Williams' paintings will open at the Hello Galleries, 888 Broadway in SoHo, on Tuesday, March 27 and run through Saturday, April 14.

Tickets to attend the Auction and cocktail/preview are \$20 at the door and \$15 in advance which may be obtained by calling Aljira at (201)643-6877. Free parking is provided by the host, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

Funding for Aljira has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the Prudential Foundation, and membership contributions. Aljira is a member of NAAO (National Association of Artists Organizations).

Aljira expects an inclusive range of paintings, prints, and sculpture for this Auction," says Carl Hazlewood, Aljira's Artistic Director. "A special attempt has been made to include multi-cultural artists."

Another first for the 27th Plainfield Outdoor Festival of Art will be the availability of a special poster for the event which will be on sale the day of the Festival.

Artists or crafters interested in receiving information may call or write the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce, 120 West Seventh Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060, 201-754-7250. Performers interested in participating in the live entertainment events to be held throughout the day should call Charlene Edwards at 753-3237.

The Screening Room By Dean Sluyter



SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES How Movies Kill Kids For Money

The idea of cigarette smoke is wonderful: weightless, evanescent, shape-shifting stuff that you draw inside yourself, then diffuse into the air. It's a culturally ingenious way of exploring our own interiors, then exteriorizing what we find there. We can use it to express (literally "press out") anything.

And in the old movies, it expressed everything. People smoked gloriously, luxuriantly, insidiously, hideously, tensely, gayly, heroically. They became fiery-nosed dragons of wrath, or seductive queens of the night, wreathed in their sultry, smoky auras.

But Bogart died of cancer.

I'm thinking of having a bumper sticker printed with just those words: BOGART DIED OF CANCER. The coolest, most romantic smoker in screen history became a victim of the cruel reality that the cigarette industry worked hard at suppressing for decades.

Since then, things have changed ... some. Increasingly, tobacco use is perceived not as a glamorous indulgence but as a highly lethal form of drug addiction. We had the Surgeon General's Report in 1964, the banning of cigarette commercials from the air in 1971, and, in the Eighties, Everett Krop's high-profile information war against the industry, stressing the astronomical fatality rate of over 1,000 American deaths per day. This is the equivalent of more than two fully-packed jumbo jets crashing daily—more than are killed by alcohol, AIDS, and all illegal drugs combined.

Until social and governmental pressures, and barred from radio and television commercials, tobacco companies are turning increasingly to subtle, insidious forms of advertising, most of them with specific target audiences. Dr. Sullivan has expressed appropriate outrage at their sponsorship of tennis tournaments, with the implication that smoking and athletic excellence are compatible. He would also be well-advised to ask after their involvement with jazz concerts and festivals, which is probably aimed at black consumers as much as Uptown was.

The companies have also discovered the promotional powers of movies, where they can sell their drug legally and much more cheaply than they ever could on television, and where the audience, not realizing it's seeing commercials, is deprived of its usual psychological resistance to them. Since a major target is children and adolescents—youthful smokers being needed to replace the older ones that quit or die—the industry is making a point of buying exposure in films aimed at young audiences.

The University of California, Berkeley, *Wellness Letter* reports that Philip Morris paid \$250,000 to have Lark cigarettes prominently featured in the latest James Bond film, aptly named "License to Kill." The same company paid \$42,500 to have Lois Lane smoke Marlboros in "Superman II." (Marlboros were also all over the screen in "The Handmaid's Tale.") Other recent movies featuring brand-name cigarettes include "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "Beverly Hills Cop," "The Fabulous Baker Boys," and "Working Girl." Apparently it's working: an estimated 3,000 American kids start smoking every day.

Representative Tom Luken (D-OH) has introduced legislation to prohibit cigarette promotion in movies. Somebody's going to scream about violation of First Amendment rights, and, yes, I'm always a little nervous about any kind of legislation that curtails free expression, no matter how odious the content. Would we, if we could, travel back in our time machines and yank the cigarette out of Bogart's mouth? Rick and Sam Spade and Philip Marlowe just wouldn't be the same. We would be destroying the artistic integrity of those films.

But no one paid the filmmakers to have Bogart smoke. Nowadays the artistic integrity of films is being violated not by governmental regulation but by the corrupting influence of money. I'd like to hear some public debate on a ban of all paid advertising in movies, whether of cigarettes or computer games or dolls or soft drinks. When Stallone wrote the first, brilliant "Rocky" film, his intimate knowledge of South Philadelphia Italian-American culture told him what Rocky would drink on a hot night. Maybe it would be a Coke. I don't know—he was bribed to drink Pepsi, and we all were robbed of a truthful cinematic experience.

You can write to your congressman at 2368 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515 and urge support of Representative Luken's bill. You can also lodge your protest with Jack Valenti, President, Motion Picture Association of America, 1600 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

BILLBOARD

Friday, April 6

WAYNE—Isaac Asimov, the prolific author of nearly 400 books, will be the final speaker in the 1989-90 Distinguished Lecturer Series at William Paterson College. "The Future of Humanity" lecture will be held at 8 p.m. in Shea Center on campus. For ticket information call 201-593-2371.

NEW YORK—The sounds of jazz will fill the air as WYNC/FM93.9 presents two birthday specials honoring the life and work of Billie Holiday. On Friday, from 4 to 5 p.m., Billie Holiday Birthday Special traces the development of her career from 1933 and on Saturday, April 7 from 7 to 5 p.m. tribute to Holiday is presented in Spinning on Air.

Sunday, April 8
PLAINFIELD—The Friends of the Plainfield Public Library will offer a concert featuring Shari Bart on Violin and Victoria Griswold on the piano. For further information contact the Plainfield Public Library.

Tuesday, April 10
FAR HILLS—The Somerset Art Association, Prospect St., Far Hills will run a bus trip to the Hane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum's exhibit: Abstract Expressionism: Other Dimensions, and the Art Museum at Princeton U. For information and reservations call 201-234-2341.

Wednesday, April 11
WBG0-FM will salute George Wein at 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. The concert will feature George Benson, Kenny G, Wynnton Marsalis, Billy Taylor, Joe Williams, Bill Cosby among others. Wein is the most renowned jazz impresario in the world. He created the Newport Jazz Festival. For ticket information call 212-247-7800.

Thursday, April 12
NEWARK—Lemon Sky, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Sanford Wilson is a play set in Southern California in the 1950's. Early show 5:45 p.m.; late show 8:45 p.m. at Call 2 Washington Place at Broad St. Call 643-6877.

Friday, April 20
NEW BRUNSWICK—James Whitmore and Audra Lindley return to the George Street Playhouse stage in William Gibson's poignant comedy, "Handy Dandy" opening at 8 p.m. Performance are Tuesday through Saturday evenings with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. For further information and ticket reservations call 201-246-7469.

Sunday, April 22
PLAINFIELD—Cantor's, Plainfield's Community Boychoir, presents Coral Evenson in Easteride and Installation of chorists will be held at 6 p.m. at Grace Church. For further information call 201-756-1520.

CALIFON—"Concerning the Earth..." an exhibit at the Main Street Gallery in Califon will be on view through May 19 with an informal reception from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 22, Earth Day. For further information call 201-832-5755.

Mon.-Sun., April 23-29
WAYNE—Jazz It Up!, New Jersey's only week-long, free public jazz festival will be presented by Willowbrook Mall and William Paterson College. Opening the festival will be a concert by Clark Terry and his Quartet at 7 p.m. For further information call 201-785-1618.



Aljira presents annual art auction at Mutual Benefit Life Company

Aljira, A Center For Contemporary Art, will present its Annual Art Auction on Thursday evening, April 26, 1990. The Auction will be hosted by Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company at their headquarters at 520 Broad Street in Newark, New Jersey. Cocktails and preview will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The artwork offered will be of high quality and geared toward the emerging collector," says Aljira's Executive Director, Victor Davson. "The Auction is part of Aljira's annual fund drive and provides our audience a unique opportunity to acquire examples of fine contemporary art that the Center is known for presenting."

Aljira has been an integral part of Newark's cultural renaissance since 1984. Its continuing

commitment is to bring the best multi-cultural experience in art to this city. In addition, Aljira serves as a source of information and referrals for artists and enthusiasts throughout the metropolitan area.

This year's Benefit Auction Committee includes Celeste Bateman Manager, Supervisor of Cultural Affairs, City of Newark; Dr. Alex Boyd, Director, Newark Public Library; Suzanne Park Chung, Community Communications Manager, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company; Carol Jenkins, Graphic Designer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Robert Koenig, Director, Montclair Art Museum; and Clarence H. Seniors, Investment Consultant.

"Aljira expects an inclusive range of paintings, prints, and

Plainfield Art show moves

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said. The Van Wyck Brooks Historic District was certified as a local historic district in 1982 and became the fourth national historic district in Plainfield.

The district was named after Van Wyck Brooks whose family lived at 563 West Eighth Street in a three-story yellow brick colonial revival style house built in 1893. At the turn of the 19th century, when many of the historic homes were built, more than 100 millionaires owned mansions in the area.

The 152 properties in the 23-block, tree lined Van Wyck Brooks Historic District feature various architectural styles including Queen Anne, Italianate Villa, Second Empire, Romanesque Revival, Tudor, Colonial Revival, Victorian-era eclectic, and Spanish Revival.

A special feature of the day will be the availability of an architectural guide detailing the splendor of the homes in the Van Wyck Brooks Historic District. The guide will cost \$1 and will al-

low individuals to take a walking tour through the district at their leisure.

The 27th Plainfield Outdoors Festival of Art, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with local merchants and Plainfield officials, will again be open to artists in both professional and nonprofessional categories of oils, watercolors, sculpture, drawings, prints, photography and crafts. Total prizes of \$5,500 will be awarded.



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UNLV deserves better

Already, critic want to put an asterisk next to Nevada-Las Vegas record-breaking thrashing of Duke for the national championship.

Exhibiting showtime skills and abilities not seen this side of the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles, the Runnin' Rebels ran ragged over the "tentative (see scared)" Blue Devils of Duke, 103 to 73.

In spite of this great win, radio announcers, newspaper reporters and other media types want to talk about the NCAA possibility of taking away the crown as part of a penalty package for alleged NCAA violations.

Are they saying the only way that coach Jerry Tarkanian could get these type of athletes is by resorting to crime, cheating, and by-passing the rules to let those inner-city, junior-college players in.

Personally I am a bit weary of this pompous, self-righteous, hypocritical attitude, and I hope a lot of people are not thinking that kind of about some obviously are.

Coach Tarkanian is giving kids an opportunity to better themselves. Tark "the Shark" and UNLV have invested their time and money in the development of young men who others discard as unworthy to walk the hall of ivy. Yes, some have had their share of trouble, some have had their problems academically and have entered junior colleges to get back on the right path.

Instead of ignoring the problems, Tarkanian has met them head on. He's taken kids from the junior colleges and given them the opportunity to get a four year degree at a reputable institution of higher learning.

The Runnin' Rebel's program is successful, so much so that Indiana's, Bobby Knight recruited junior college players like Keith

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

by Fern Taylor
City News Writer

Smart to help him win a national title in 1987.

Clearly, the philosophy and its results have been mutually beneficial for the university (\$55) and its student athletes who play basketball.

I'm not defending any wrongdoing on the part of the program or the university. But for the NCAA to take away UNLV's title in the name of upholding some inconsistent moral standard would be equivalent to rape. Fill up the arena with the best young athletes in the world, showcase their talents on national TV. Use their bad-boy image and aggressive play to market your product.

Then toss them out. Grant cynical recognition. Try to downplay their accomplishments.

This was an outstanding performance by an outstanding squad. Period. The Runnin' Rebels should be given their just due.

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Critics, let's give credit where's credits due.



by Monty Dickerson
Head Girls' Coach
Arts High

Arts, Science and East Side High Schools will be looking for warmer weather and faster times when they travel to Virginia this week to compete in the Colonial Relays in Williamsburg and the Vince Bradford Relays in Lynchburg.

The High School Outdoor Track and Field Season gets underway this week with several invitational meets in New Jersey. So,

why are three of Newark's better teams going out of the state to run?

Science High School coach Ken Duke commented, "I am looking for good weather in which to break 50 sec. for the 400 meter relay." Coach Duke should know about this race, his team placed 4th in this event last year at the Penn

Relays in the Championship of America Race. They were ranked number one in New Jersey.

"This trip gives the kids a chance to compete against other

athletes across the country and broadens their cultural horizons," added Duke. "It also gives us a chance to run a couple of events that are not usually run in New Jersey," Duke commented.

One of those events is the 330 yd. hurdle race. Science counts on Alnisa Tucker in this event, she is the New Jersey indoor state champion in the 55 yard hurdle race. There is also a 100 yd. dash event where Science could possibly pull off a 1-2 finish. Coach Duke has Tiffany Weatherford and Natwon Harp in this event who as the New Jersey indoor champion at 55 meters. Natwon finished third in the 55 meters at the Eastern States Championship this past indoor season

and established herself as one of the states elite short sprinters. Science High School Girls team won the New Jersey State Group 1 and Essex County team titles this past winter.

Newark East Side, under coach Ollie Dickerson, has the talent to go after three relay wins at the Colonial Relays. Led by All State runners Dorian Fenner and Marquel Thomas, East Side had the fastest times in the state in two event this winter—Distance Medley and Two-Mile Relay. They also had the second fastest mile relay time in the state. Dorian had the third fastest time in the nation when he ran 153.9 in winning the Essex County 800 meter title. Look for Dorian to anchor East Side's three relay teams.

East Side's girls' team led by Sonia Rebelo will look to win the same two events they won at last year's Bradford Relays - 4 x 800 and 4 x 1600.

Arts, coming off their top indoor season ever, will look to qualify for the Penn Relay 4 x 800 Relay race. The team may also try the 4 x 1600 meter race and the one mile relay. The team is led by juniors Tina Rouse, Lakisha Pippins and Takesha Pettas. Tina, two years ago was the Group One 400 Meter Hurdle champion; she will compete in both hurdle races and anchor the two mile relay. The Arts girls' team amassed their second consecutive Group 1 and Essex County Relay championships, colonial hills conference Individual and Relay titles and Newark City Indoor Crown. Though the team does not possess a true "superstar" we have a well balanced team that show a lot of heart and character. We look forward to the Virginia Meets and the rest of the outdoor season.

Science and Arts High Schools did fundraisers to pay for the trip's expenses.

Basketball: A way out of the ghetto

(Continued from page 1)

young Black athletes in ghettos all across America, basketball appeared to be the way out, their ticket to the good life and a home in suburbia.

Southern High on Philadelphia's South side had Lionel Simmons. Dobbins Tech was propelled by Hank Gathers and Bo Kimball. On the court, they were enemies, firing from beyond the 3-point circle, bouncing bodies while driving the lane or fighting for a rebound.

Off the court, however, they were friends, close friends who appreciated the skills of the others.

When it came time for college, Simmons, who had led Southern

High to Philadelphia's Public League championship in his senior year, decided to stay at home, opting for La Salle. This year, as a senior, he became only the fifth Division I player in history to score 3,000 points in his collegiate career and moved into fourth place on the all-time scoring list. He was named All American by the Associated Press, the first La Salle player to do that since Tom Gola in the mid-1950s.

"Years from now, we are all, including the coaches, going to be able to say we played with one of the greatest players in the history

of the game," La Salle coach Speedy Morris said the night Simmons went over the 3,000-point mark. "And not because he got 3,000 points. Because he's such an unselfish player and cares about everybody."

He cared about his two friends, Gathers and Kimble, who decided to go West for college, accepting scholarships to Southern Cal. But they were disappointed and transferred to Little Loyola Marymount. And there, they helped put the small school on the college basketball map in a big way.

Gathers led the nation in scoring. This year, he wasn't even the top scorer on his team. That honor went to Kimble, who scored 35.7 points a game, tops in the country.

But, amazingly, Gathers was the big story in college basketball this year. Earlier in the season, he collapsed on the court and missed several games while undergoing extensive tests. Throughout it all, he remained the same, upbeat and optimistic, keeping his teammates loose and ready to play.

Then, early last month, Gathers finished a fast break with a jam, turned to go back on defense and collapsed once again. Two hours later, he was dead.

It was understandable that Gathers' death shocked Kimble and

his Loyola teammates. Only those who knew their background understood fully why Lionel Simmons, playing for a Philadelphia school in a game on the East Coast, was also devastated when he heard the news.

Loyola Marymount, one of the nation's top teams, decided to play in the NCAA tournament, with the players wearing a heart with Gathers' number, 44, on their uniforms.

"It was hard on everyone," Kimble remembered. "But we knew Hank would have wanted us to play in the NCAAAs. At the memorial service (in Loyola's Gersten Pavilion, I looked over and saw his coffin was in the paint. I knew then we would have to find a way to win for him."

Simmons' college career ended when La Salle, seeded fourth in the 16-team East Region, lost to Clemson 79-75 in the second round. Loyola Marymount, seeded 11th in the West Region, surprised No.6 New Mexico State, No.3 Michigan and No.7 Alabama before falling to top-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas for a Final Four berth.

The dream of winning the NCAA title has vanished. The dream of succeeding in life through hard work, perseverance and dedication, however, is reality, the real "golden road to Oz" for those youngsters now in the nation's ghettos to emulate.

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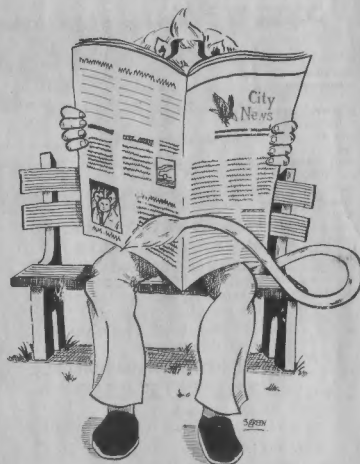
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